

KC DX NEWS

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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: June 4:

Our May meeting is on **June 4th**, at JOCO Library on 87th, because of Memorial Day and general fatigue from the Dayton Hamvention, the KCDXC has traditionally held the May meeting on the first Monday in June. Our program will be a review of KCDXC activities at Dayton Hamvention and followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest after the meeting.

KCDXC HOSPITALITY SUITE: DAYTON 2018

The KCDXC Hospitality Suite at the Crowne Plaza in Dayton was packed with CW enthusiasts again this year. Over 90 people took the challenge of the 2018 version of the Pile Up Test. W9WI was top scorer again this year! N4YDU was second and N2NC was next in the scoring. In the photo below left, W9WI is shown receiving his Yaesu FT-1200DX from KCDXC President KØVXU. W4PA is shown in the right photo. He was grand prize winner in the drawing. He received an Icom IC-7300. Page 3 shows several pics from the activity in the suite. Thanks, to NSØD and KCØBS, for the photos.



KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	RTTY	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
N0XA	356	353	355	312		315	85	3066(S.K.)
AB0X	357	353	349	200		221	20	2280
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	324		103		2624
K0HQW	349	347	333			33		1352
NX0I	349	347	346	241	253	207		2440
K3PA	349	347	344	314		152	36	2673
KS0DX	347	318	347	129	360			2218
W0JM	345	337	343	100				S.K.
K4SV	345	338	343	315		284		2765
AC0A	347	315	347		809			2185
K0VXU	346	333	327	246	172	136	2	2236
K0GY	344	340	344	277			5	2300
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	333	205	331	112	149	17		1348
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	326	92	284	4				414
WA0WOF	325							
W0FS	322	270	295		657	181		1770
W0MB	322	194	320	230	143	1		1163
K0AP	316	307	297	230	657			1968
AA0MZ	309	292	287	208	532	44	20	1825
AC0C	302	292	233	220	79	87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	247	215	193	14				887
W0DR	220	19	144	3		5	4	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	161	60	56	148				471
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
WD0SRI	102	6	55			1	1	102
KR0CK	57	2	53			1	1	57

*Red listing indicates Top of the Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Please only one update a month.

Additional Photos from KCDXC Hospitality Suite:

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K0VBU		
K0VXU		
WB0SND		
k2ywe		
wj2o		
K8BKM		
ki0i		
ve3zi		
ns0d		
k0lw		
k0thn		
k1ep		
wa7ir-1		
K1FM		
K7IR		
KC0BS	3	12
WA7IR	0	0
WA7IR	0	0
K7IR	0	0

Rank is determined on basis of number of (correct) Calls with number of Characters in those calls used only as a tie-breaker.

KANSAS CITY DX CLUB PILEUP

Brought to you by:

K0VBU – Executive Producer
K0VXU – Pileup Producer
NO5W – Software Engineer



2018 KCDXC DUES!

Your KCDXC dues are still \$20. Please send a check or use Paypal to submit your dues. Our KCDXC web page, www.kcdxclub.com , has a Paypal link at the bottom of the main page, so that members can use a Paypal account or their credit cards to pay dues. Dues will be collected at the next meeting by cash or check. Also, dues and donations may be sent by check thru the mail to AB0X, 7871 Webster Ave., Kansas City, KS, 66109. Please make sure to make checks out to the KCDXC, not AB0X!

Sometimes members can't remember if they have renewed or not. Check the KCDXC web page, www.kcdxclub.com/ci/welcome/roster. It is up to date at press time, with all renewals accredited to members. If your call is not there, please send in your dues!

KCDXC TRIVIA QUIZ!!!

Can you identify the following KCDXC member?? Looks like he was intrigued with radio at an early age! First one to send the correct answer to the Editor, (ab0x@kc.rr.com) will win a jar of BJ Catfish bait.



NO ONE GOT THE CORRECT ANSWER IN LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUIZ!!!
The photo above is former KCDXC President, NX0I, Jerry Fisher!

FIFTH REMINDER!!!

If you want to contact the Editor, AB0X, please send an email to ab0x@kc.rr.com OR mcrabtree@kc.rr.com . Do NOT send emails to the gmail account used for group mailings of this newsletter.

SEND UPDATES TO W0XE FOR DXCC HONOR ROLL ON KCDX CLUB WEB PAGE:

W0XE, has stepped up to help the club. Don has volunteered to accept responsibility for maintaining the KCDXC DXCC Honor Roll chart on the KC DX Club web page. So, when you get new countries confirmed and Challenge slots filled, send updates send them to Don at ddevins@kc.rr.com .

DXCC updates for the newsletter still go to the Editor: ab0x@kc.rr.com .

K3PA GETS A NEW TOWER!

Drew, K3PA, purchased and arranged for the removal of the 80' crank up tower at N0XA's QTH a few days ago. After some hard work finding the right person to do the job, Drew, with the cooperation of N0XA's neighbor, got a crane truck into the field and hauled the tower away to Tonganoxie. Crane driver David, turned out to be a ham also, from Platte City, MO, so he didn't think K3PA and AB0X were totally crazy. Nice work Drew!! The pictures tell it all:



In the second photo, the elusive “Louisburg Scrounger”, can be seen in the far background, picking up old lengths of aluminum from dead antennas of the past. It is rare to be able to get a photo of this seldom seen figure who some have claimed to only be a mythical creature of ham radio lore.

BAKER ISLAND DXPEDITION ON SOON!



BAKER ISLAND ON THE AIR: June 27th!

The following mail was received from the Baker Island Team:

Dear DXer:

We are contacting you because you have supported one of our past trips either directly or through OQRS. The Dateline DX Association is approximately 30 days away from arriving at KH1, Baker Island. Our gear has now all been shipped and our website updated to reflect all operating frequencies, operating plans, and up-to-date propagation routines to ensure you know where and when to look for us. We hope to be QRV around June 27. Please visit us at <http://www.baker2018.net>

Our experienced DXpedition team has conducted successful DXpeditions to many rare countries. We also have a worldwide net of pilots. They are there to relay back to us any missed or rare openings so we can react to them and be there to work you. Please do not hesitate to contact them: <http://www.baker2018.net/pages/team.html>

Our timetable for going to Baker Island was based on (a) the timing of our US Fish and Wildlife Service permit, (b) availability of our ship, and (c) the typhoon season in the Pacific. We understand the lack of darkness for some areas for low band activity, but with KH1 being the number 5 most wanted entity, ATNO QSOs are a priority and 20 meters offers the best worldwide propagation in June. Stations will be on 20 meters 24/7. We expect Eastern Europe to be able to work us on 17 and 30 meters as well.

Our group helped develop the latest WSJT-X software to incorporate a DXpedition fox/hound mode. Please download version 1.9.0 before we are QRV around 27 June. This may expand the bands we are able to use at this point in the solar cycle. We've also put a "how to use the new FT8" primer on our site. It will help those new to the mode to quickly master the new version. Check it out at <http://www.baker2018.net/pages/plan.html>

We have spent many months preparing for this trip, and last month simulated the island setup. Please visit <http://www.baker2018.net/pages/pretrip.html> to see more pictures relating to our testing activities.

As with any DXpedition to the really rare ones, this will be another large budget operation. The operator team will contribute over 50% of the expected budget of \$400,000. You can help make this DXpedition happen by visiting our website, and contributing today. <http://www.baker2018.net/pages/donate.html>

Thank you in advance for your support.

The Baker Island 2018 Team

OTHER DX NEWS:

3D2CR AND T31T DXPEDITIONS DELAYED. Dom, 3Z9DX, and the Rebel DX Group, have delayed their 3D2CR DXpedition to Conway Reef and T31T DXpedition to Kanton Island at the request of the Kiribati Government. This is due to a "delivery of a new SAT emergency system for early warning earthquake and tsunami." Dom states they want to do both operations all in one trip. Dates have not been announced.

3V, TUNISIA. Operator SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY) will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse, during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or to LX1N0. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at: <http://www.kf5eyy.info>

4K, AZERBAIJAN. Alim, 4K6F0, will be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th)

as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW eQSL or see QRZ.com.

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will be active as 8P5A during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to HA1AG.

9H, MALTA. Just a reminder that Thomas, SV2CLJ, will be active as 9H3SV from the QTH of Savas, 9H1AE, at Sliema, Malta (EU-023), until May 31st. Activity will be holiday style on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via his home callsign direct.

9X, RWANDA. Alan, KE4TA, after a long ride back from Pretoria, he is now back in Kigali and will be active as 9X0TA during his spare time. He states, "Things are very busy here right now, and likely to get busier in the next few weeks. I'll try to get on the air when I get the chance." He should be here for just under 2 1/2 years. Activity will be primarily on 20/17 meters using 600W/100W of power. He does have antennas or antenna+tuner combinations for 80-10 meters and 6m. Modes will be SSB, the Digital modes and some CW. Power may be restricted by the Rwandan authorities in accordance with their laws. Radio is a Yaesu FT-991, and antenna will be a Hexbeam on a push up tower. Alan, states, "Noise levels here are extremely high. Please don't be offended if I'm not answering your call, I likely can't hear you." QSL via DIRECT to N4GNR. He will also use LoTW. For more details, pictures and updates (maybe even an operating schedule), visit his Web page at: <http://www.rwandadx.com>

9X, RWANDA (Update). Members of the Italian DX Team will be active as 9X0T between September 27th and October 10th. Operators mentioned are Mac/JA3USA, Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Agelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA, Stefano/IK2HKT, Gino/IK2RZP and Alfeo/I1HJT. Pilot stations are Art/IK7JWY (HF) and Sergio/IK0FTA (6m). Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are: CW - 1826, 3530, 7025, 10115, 14030, 18068, 21030, 24890 and 28030 kHz SSB - 3775, 7090, 14260, 18128, 21260, 24950 and 28460 kHz RTTY - 14084 kHz (only).

The equipment that they will use are 3x K3s w/KPA-500s into 2x Spider-beams (5 bands), a Yagi (5 bands), 2x Quarter Wave verticals for both 80/40m, a 30m loop, a 160m 18 meter high vertical and 2x Diamond Loop (RX ant.). QSL via I2YSB direct only. A log search and an OQRS will be available on: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idx>. Logs will be posted about 1 year after the conclusion of the DXpedition. All Sponsors and those who requests a direct QSL will have their QSOs uploaded to LoTW. The uploading of contacts requested will be done at the end of the DXpedition. These will be done in batches as they process cards. They will try weekly.

AH2, GUAM. Operators Toshinobu/JI3ERV and Hajime/JO1RUR will be active as AH2R from the Guam Contest Club station during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via LoTW.

CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS. Operators Wolfgang/DK9VZ, Thomas/DL5LYM, Andree/DL8LAS, Frank/DL8WAA and Holger/DL9EE are now active as CT9/homecall from Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014) until May 29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to be an entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) signing CR3W. QSL CR3W via DL5AXX, OQRS (see QRZ.com) or LoTW. QSL all others via their home callsigns.

DAY-XENIA HAMVENTION WRAP-UP. For its second year at the new venue in Xenia, Ohio, the attendance seemed to be very good in spite of the rain. It will be interesting to see what the final total will be for the HamVention. Local TV stations were projecting 32k. There were some improvements at this year's event; notably the Flea Market area with crushed asphalt on the walkways. On Friday night, at the SWODXA DX Dinner, Juris, YL2GM,

was awarded the SWODXA's DXpedition of the Year Award for their 3C0L/3C1L activations.

For more details and great pictures on the HamVention, check out Paul's, N6PSE, blog page at: <https://n6pse.wordpress.com/2018/05/22/my-visit-to-hamvention-2018>

Also, checkout this week's ARRL Newsletter for their write-up on the HamVention at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2018-05-24>

E2, THAILAND. Champ, E21EIC, will be active as E2A (The SIAM DX Group/ Contest Callsign) from Bangkok during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or paper QSL via E21EIC.

EX, KYRGYZSTAN. Sergey, EX8MJ, will be active during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via info on QRZ.com.

THANKS OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!

K4SV'S PHOTOS OF PREVIOUS KH1 DXPEDITION:

Hi Everyone,

Here are some pictures of my trip to Baker Island in 2002. As you know Baker will again be activated in June, VERY VERY RARE, get them in your Log!

Vlad N3CZ was my DXpedition partner on this DXpedition.

Temp 120-135 F Day

Temp 90-110 F Night

4 degrees off Equator

Great adventure

Dave Anderson, K4SV

Tryon, NC





THANKS, TO K4SV FOR THE PHOTOS OF BAKER ISLAND!

W0AR & N0SS SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATION:

W0AR and N0SS Contest Don, W0XE & AB0X

The following is just my suggestions to get more club participation in both the W0AR and N0SS contests. Personally I don't like the one winner for each contest as we do it now. In my opinion, retired people can have a distinct advantage over younger members still in our workforce. The current prizes are very nice and compliments to Jeff for them. However, they are so nice, they discount the other category winners. A decent trophy should be made for the other classes of equal quality. (The medallions given out in the past were paid for by AB0X and K0CS, not the club).

The club could also decide on actual prizes, number of prizes in each category, etc. since the club will be paying for the prizes decided on for club budgetary reasons. A reorganization of the awards committee should take place. N0AG has done a great job as Awards Chairman and should continue in that role. Some original committee members are

not even members of the KCDXC anymore! Real DXers should deal with the W0AR and more pure testers should serve on N0SS award. So, really two, small committees should be developed. One for each of the major awards under the leadership of Awards Chairman.

First the N0SS contest. Maybe we could make this a team style contest. Teams could announce at the beginning of the year who are on each team, only one team per person maybe. Maybe limit number of members on each team to a number the club agrees to. And maybe we could have classes of teams, such as a team with all using low power, high power, only beam antennas, or maybe no beam antennas on the team. And maybe not be able to enter the same class two years in a row. Also maybe teams could change every year as they choose.

We can work this out to get more participation in the contest, multiple categories, and multiple winners each year.

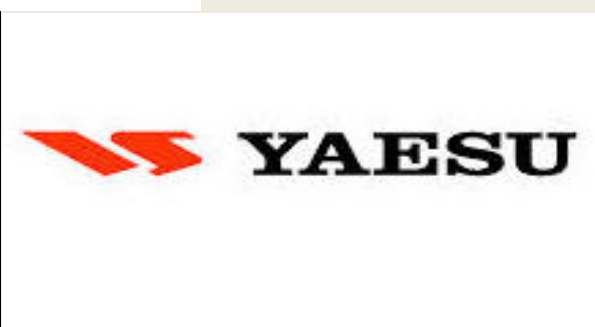
The W0AR contest could possibly be similar in some ways. My first thought is teams could be a possibility here too. We can expand the categories somewhat too such as maybe only certain bands for the team, only certain antennas for the team. And have multiple winners each year in each category we decide on. And maybe not enter the same category two years in a row. Announcing teams in January so everyone knows who is on each team and in what category. I guess it could be possible a person could be on more than one team, but not sure why. We can let the rulescommittee decide that. Suggested categories might include band limit combos, power limit teams, limited antennas, etc.

One thing I would like to ask is that another member or two learn how to update the W0AR database. It's not difficult, I can do it so it can't be, but there are some steps that are a bit complicated, as are the math formulas in many columns. If you have checked, there are currently about 21,000 entries in the database to make your entries simple and correct, and also up to date. We might could do this on the screen at a meeting, but would be boring to many members who don't like spreadsheets. I currently use MS Office 2013, but it will now work also on the free Apache Open Office. It would be easiest I think to see what is done at my QTH where I have everything ready to go when updates are available. AD1C supplies the updates.

All and any of the above contest changes will require changes to and maybe more spreadsheets to fit the team concept, I don't know, that might be up to the people scoring the contest each December. But more spreadsheets probably would not be difficulty, but probably take more time to update each time, I have no problem with doing that. I currently update for the next year whenever updates are available, I am updating whenever AD1C does updates for many, many commercial and free software logging programs, sometimes the updates are maybe 10 times a year and one year there was about 15 or so updates. AD1C supplies the updates in the format needed for each software, and the owner of the logging software program is responsible to update their own software. I use the updates supplied for N3FJP logging program, it seems to be the easiest for me as I use the same for my logging program.

****W0XE and AB0X worked together on this article. The blue comments are by AB0X.***

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K3ZN KEYS

